

Sermon Outline

Tears in Heaven?

Text: John 20:1-18

A. Introduction

B. What are the different types of tears?

I. Tears of Joy

II. Tears of Anguish

III. Tears of Sorrows

C. Why are there tears on this side of eternity?

I. We have sinned against our Creator God.

II. The wages of sin is death – spiritual and physical.

D. What is the solution to our fatal teary problem?

I. God sent His only Begotten Son Jesus Christ to die on the cross for the sins of His people. (John 3:16)

II. Christ rose from the grave and gave victory over sin and death. (John 20:1-10)

III. The risen Christ gave reason for Mary Magdalene to weep. (John 20:11-20)

E. What shall we say to these things?

I. If you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and turn from your sins, you shall be saved from sin and eternal death.

II. Are there Tears in Heaven?

No. For God says “⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” (Rev 21.4)

III. However, there will be tears in hell.

“⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.” (Matt 13.41-43)

IV. The Risen Christ is our only joy and hope.